GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5489
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FAMILIES OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide a special reservation quota in Government jobs for the families of Freedom Fighters and INA retired soldier;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to further increase the present pension of the freedom fighters; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to (c): No such proposal is under consideration at this stage after more than 50 years of Independence.

(d) & (e): The amount of freedom fighters` pension was doubled in 1997 and it was decided to link the same with the price index. Two instalments of dearness relief have already been released since then. The third instalment will become due on the 1st of August, 2000. No proposal to further increase the amount of pension is under consideration at present.